

MARGARET ABE-KOGA ~ BIOGRAPHY

Family/Education:

- Margaret is the daughter of Japanese immigrant parents.
- She is a native of the Peninsula and her older daughter attends a Mountain View elementary school and her younger daughter is in preschool.
- She attended public schools on the Peninsula and was active in numerous activities and volunteer work while in school.
- Graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor's Degree in Government.

Experience:

Margaret has extensive experience in the public sector working for Congresswoman Anna Eshoo in her District Office for over six years—where she served in many roles, including as Field Representative and was a liaison to Mountain View. She has also worked at De Anza College and has been a small business owner. Margaret also had valuable experience serving the Santa Clara County Board of Education beginning in 2002. She served as a trustee for Area 1 which covers the Mountain View-Whisman School District and the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District. During her time, she served as the Board's Vice President and on various committees for the County Board where she enhanced her experience and commitment to issues for youth and education.

Service to Mountain View:

- She began service with the City by serving on the Human Relations Commission in 2000, where she also Chaired the Commission in 2003.
- Then appointed to the Environmental Planning Commission in 2004.
- Thereafter, elected to the City Council in 2006 (serving since January 2007)
- Served as Vice Mayor (2008)
- Serving as current Mayor (2009)

Past City Council Standing Committee Assignments:

Chair of the Appointments Review Committee; the Technology Committee, and Youth Services Committee, Procedures Committee

Member of the Procedures Committee; Transportation Committee, and Sustainability Subcommittee.

Current City Council Standing Committee Assignments:

Chair of Youth Services Committee, Member of Appointments Review Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Goal-Setting Ad hoc Committee

Past External Agency Committee Assignments:

Appointee to the Community Health Awareness Council; Project Cornerstone-Leadership Team, and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee.

Alternate to the Santa Clara County Cities Association; Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council; Santa Clara County Expressway Planning Study Policy Advisory Board (PAB), and the Santa Clara County Health Benefits Coalition.

Current External Agency Committee Assignments:

Community Health Awareness Council; Project Cornerstone-Leadership Team, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee. the Santa Clara County Cities Association; Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council, and the Peninsula Division of California League of Cities.

Other Volunteer Work:

Alumnus of the Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Mountain View." Her commitment was maintained with the Chamber by serving on the Executive Council from 2003 to 2005.

Significant volunteer experience which includes: the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association; her work with Avenidas on senior services, and her extensive work with many groups focusing on women and children, as well as cultural and educational issues.